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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kazumi SUGA

Group Art Unit: 3621

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For: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC COMMERCE METHOD  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments set forth herein prior to the consideration of this case on the merits.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.